## **Primary Care Office ARRA**

**Purpose**: "The purpose of the Primary Care Office ARRA (New Formula Award) is to assist State Primary Care Offices (PCOs) in the coordination of activities with their state as it relates to the delivery of primary care services and the recruitment and retention of critical healthcare providers. The ARRA funds dedicated to strengthening the primary care workforce administered through the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) are resulting in a significant increase in support activities by the PCOs in order to meet the demand to recruit new clinicians into the program and facilitate matching them to eligible sites," State Primary Care Office New Formula Award TA Call July 9, 2009. From the Shortage Designation Branch, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), June 19, 2009: "This award is a supplement to your existing PCO grant. The funds are to be used to support what you already do in terms of NHSC outreach, efforts, hire additional staff, etc."

**Eligibility**: Eligible applicants include any State Primary Care Office (PCO) that operates solely within one state or US Territory. The PCO must provide statewide coverage of primary healthcare issues and represent, or have relationships with, the broad range of primary healthcare delivery systems and programs within the state.

**Timeline**: Timelines are tight. The formal announcement is due July 30, 2009, and the application must be submitted by August 15, 2009. The Notice of Grant Award is targeted to be sent on or before Sept 30, 2009.

**Reports**: Quarterly reports are required with the first quarterly report due October 10, 2009. The reports must be submitted through two government websites: <a href="www.FederalReporting.gov">www.FederalReporting.gov</a> (cannot register for this until it is on-line August 27, 2009), and HRSA's Electronic Handbook (for performance measures only.) 1512 Reporting is required.

**Funding**: Funding is from the Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Services/National Health Service Corps. Funding covers federal fiscal years 2009-2011 with a total of \$6 million expected for the 3 year project period. Of the \$2 million available annually, Wyoming expects \$30,655 annually.

Projected projects: Undetermined